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REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 21, and 28-38 were pending in this application. Claims 1-2, 4-15, and 21 have been canceled. Following entry of the amendments, claims 28-38 will be pending and at issue.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that claims 28-38 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. In response, Applicant is submitting this separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 4-15, AND 21

Applicant acknowledges Examiner's withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 11 under 35 USC 102(b)/103(a) in the Advisory Action.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the remaining rejections of the claims as cited in the Final Office Action dated June 14, 2004. To further prosecution, Applicant has cancelled without prejudice claims 1, 2, 4-15, and 21, rendering the pending rejections moot. Applicant reserves the right to file subsequent applications claiming the canceled subject matter. In addition, the claim cancellations should not be construed as abandonment or agreement with the Examiner's position in the Office Action.

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CONCLUSION

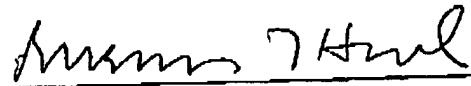
Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (415) 875-2316.

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